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APPLICATION

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ANGEL ET AL.

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EXAMINER:

ROBERT M. JOYNES

For:

HARD CAPSULES COMPRISING POLYMERS VINYL ESTERS OF

POLYETHERS, THEIR USE AND PRODUCTION

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. \$1.111

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of November 05, 2003, it is re-,spectfully requested that the following amendment and remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

A M E N D M E N T

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claim 2, amend Claims 1, 3 to 5, 10 to 13, 15 to 21 and 23 to 25 as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper. A clean copy of the claims as herewith amended is found in the attached Appendix II.